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Subject: Correction! RE: End of Day – October 4, 2019

Importance: High

The Web & Congressional portions were not updated – my apologies! Have a great weekend!

PRESS

Issued press release: U.S. EPA extends comment period on Kettleman Hills proposed PCB permit. (In Spanish: U.S. EPA extiende periodo de comentarios para el permiso de PCB propuesto para Kettleman Hills). Soledad Calvino.

Desert Sun (Nicole Hayden) [Received 10/4] – CLOSED – Reporter has follow up questions on Oasis Mobile Home Park order and arsenic. Program provided responses. ECAD, SoCal, Margot Perez-Sullivan

Cronkite News, AZ PBS (Kailey Broussard) [Received 10/3] – CLOSED – Reporter had additional follow up questions on IKDH brief, spoke to reporter. SEMD, AZ, Margot Perez-Sullivan

POLITICO (Debra Kahn) [Received 10/2] – CLOSED – Reporter had clarification question regarding CA truck and bus rule press release, sent written response to question. CA, ECAD, Margot Perez-Sullivan

Arizona Republic (Alden Woods) [Received 9/30] – OPEN – Reporter has questions on 2011 BIA/BIE settlement. Paper is working on a long story about conditions at BIA/BIE schools. Asked for compliance status on all schools encompassed in settlement. Working with program to determine what information we can provide. ECAD, AZ, Margot Perez-Sullivan

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media:

Children's Health – Posted to our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages about reducing lead in drinking water and linked to our [3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water Toolkit](#).

Website Updates:

Kettleman – Completed numerous updates to our [Chemical Waste Management Inc., Kettleman site](#).

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Sen. Martha McSally (R-AZ): In follow up to a request this week from Austin Kennedy in Senator Martha McSally's office, Brent Maier has confirmed today Austin's availability for an upcoming teleconference briefing on the Iron King Mine/Humboldt Smelter Superfund Site for Wednesday, October 16th at 1:00pm PT. Superfund RPM Jeff Dhont will participate in this briefing with Brent Maier. (AZ – SFD)

Congressional Outreach on EPA Extending Comment Period on Kettleman Hills Proposed PCB permit: Brent Maier shared today's press release with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris and Congressman T.J. Cox announcing that EPA is extending to November 22 the comment period for a proposed permit renewal and modification for the storage and disposal of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) waste at the Kettleman Hills hazardous waste facility, located along the I-5 corridor, 3.5 miles southwest of Kettleman City, California and that there will be an October 10th public meeting to be followed by a November 14th hearing.

Congressional Outreach on Upcoming Border Stakeholder Meeting: At the request of Water Division's Doug Eberhardt, Brent Maier sent out a save-the-date message to Congressional staff in the offices of Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris and Representatives Mike Levin, Duncan Hunter, Juan Vargas, Scott Peters, and Susan Davis for an upcoming stakeholder meeting to discuss transboundary pollution in the Tijuana River on the morning of Thursday, October 31, 2019. We will provide more details on the time, location and agenda to each of their offices once finalized. (S. CA – WTR).

Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris: Two former San Francisco city officials turned United States Senators, Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris, want EPA's inspector general to investigate why the agency cited San Francisco for Clean Water Act violations only after Trump criticized the city's handling of waste from homeless people. In their [letter](#) to acting IG Charles Sheehan, the Democratic senators write that regional EPA staff didn't know about Administrator Andrew Wheeler's letter raising concerns about the water system in advance, and had actually approved bacteria standards off San Francisco Bay beaches in 2017, undercutting Wheeler's accusations. They call on Sheehan to probe why the agency "abruptly reversed course in Administrator Wheeler's letter and alleged water quality violations that are contradicted by the agency's own reasoned findings in recent permit approvals for San Francisco." – *Politico's Morning Energy*

Letter: https://www.feinstein.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/3/5/3584a2bd-ce0d-4c87-9ffb-6dc013675bb7/A1785A4075E2B0970E5EC6E5D52DB15F.2019.10.03-epa-ig-letter.pdf

Upcoming Congressional Meetings/Calls, Hearings, Intergovernmental Meetings and Events:

Monday, October 7, 2019 - Senate Committee on Indian Affairs: On October 7, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will hold a field oversight hearing in Albuquerque entitled "America's Nuclear Past: Examining the Effects of Radiation in Indian Country." Region 6 Deputy Administrator David Gray will testify on EPA's behalf. [More Information.](#)

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 - RSVPs to Congressional Staff Invite for Upcoming Field Tour of the Leviathan Mine Superfund Site: We have received RSVPs from Emily Lande-Rose, Northern Nevada Director, and Travis Lachapelle, Deputy Northern Nevada Director, in the Office of Senator Jacky Rosen; and Samantha Maciel of Sen. Kamala Harris's Sacramento office for a field tour of the Leviathan Mine Superfund Site on Tuesday, October 15, 2019, from 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM. (N. CA & NV – SFD)

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 – Sen. Martha McSally (R-AZ): In follow up to a request from Austin Kennedy in the Office of Senator Martha McSally, Brent Maier has confirmed today Austin's availability for an upcoming teleconference briefing on the Iron King Mine/Humboldt Smelter Superfund Site for Wednesday, October 16th at 1:00pm PT. Superfund RPM Jeff Dhont will participate in this briefing with Brent Maier. (AZ – SFD)

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 – Red Hill Team Meeting with Hawaii Congressional Staff: The Red Hill team have a meeting scheduled with Congressional staff on Wednesday, October 16th at 9:30am in the Federal Building while they are out in Hawaii to provide their offices with an update on Red Hill activities. Participants will include EPA’s Omer Shalev and Steve Linder. (HI – LND)

Friday, October 18, 2019 - Rep. Tom O’Halleran (D-AZ-1): Following a request for a staff-level briefing update on EPA’s uranium mine cleanup work on the Navajo Nation from Edgar Rivas in Rep. Tom O’Halleran’s office, Brent Maier offered up a day/time of Friday, October 18, 2019, at 9:00am to Edgar Rivas & Paul Babbitt in the Office of Congressman Tom O’Halleran. Expected Region 9 participants include Superfund’s Enrique Manzanilla, John Lyons, Will Duncan, Sean Hogan, and Sona Chilingaryan. We have received confirmation that Edgard Rivas and Paul Babbitt are both available for this day/time. (AZ – SFD)

Thursday, October 31, 2019 - Stakeholder Meeting to Discuss Transboundary Pollution in the Tijuana River: EPA will host a stakeholder meeting to discuss transboundary pollution in the Tijuana River on the morning of Thursday, October 31, 2019.

Wednesday – Saturday, November 20 – 23, 2019 - National League of Cities (NLC) Summit: The NLC Annual City Summit is scheduled for November 20 – 23 in San Antonio, Texas. This conference convenes over 3,000 local elected officials from across the country to focus on issues affecting local governments, engage in extensive discussions and deliberations on best practices, expand professional networks, and engage in leadership development. The local officials will also showcase real-world solutions to issues facing local governments, and explore with mobile workshops, some of the innovations in the host city. Policy Committees will meet during the conference to adopt Resolutions and amendments to the National Municipal Policy (NMP). The Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee will convene on Wednesday, November 20th under the leadership of Councilmember Hattie Portis-Jones (Fairburn, GA), Chair, and Vice Chairs Mayor T J Cawley (Morrisville, NC), and Mayor Pro Tem Gerry Horak (Fort Collins, CO). OIR staff will provide details on proposed resolutions and NMP amendments as this information is released by NLC.

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